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«Nursery»

«Address»

«City», «State» «Zip»

Dear Nursery Manager:

The Nursery Pest Mitigation Program is a federally funded program being conducted in cooperation with the USDA and the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Pierce's Disease Program. The \$5 million in federal funding has been provided to help nurseries that ship out of the regulated areas defray the costs of pest control efforts which assist in mitigating the spread of Pierce's disease.

Each nursery wishing to participate in this program must complete and submit an Enrollment Form (See Appendix A) for each county for which they qualify. Each location must also submit a Shipping Projection Form and Cost Data Sheet for the 2003 shipping season (See Appendix B).

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Possession of a Compliance Agreement (provide a Compliance Agreement number in Appendix A);
- 2) Complete, sign and submit the paperwork for reimbursement (Appendix A & B); and
- 3) Actively ship live plants out of the infested area during the covered period.

Please send forms to the following address for processing:

Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture
12300 Lower Azusa Road
Arcadia, CA 91006-5872
Attention: Sharon Butterworth

All Applications Must Be Received by Friday, August 22, 2003.

The basis for reimbursement will be an average cost for units (equivalent units) shipped to non-infested destinations. An equivalent unit standardizes all sizes of plant material to the basic one-gallon plant; smaller sizes are partial units while larger sizes are multiple units (See Appendix B for equivalent unit multipliers). The rate/unit reimbursed will be pro-rated based on the total projected reimbursement requests submitted for the 2003 shipping season.

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Requests for reimbursement must be calculated and submitted on a monthly basis to the Los Angeles County address listed above. Required documentation for each request will include invoice numbers and the amount of equivalent units shipped for each invoice number (See Appendix C). It is very important that the information be Nursery Owner/Manager complete and accurate. Actual shipping invoices to support this data must be maintained for a minimum of two years and is subject to audit.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Greg Morris, Pierce's Disease Program, California Department of Food and Agriculture, at (916) 322-2804, or by e-mail at gmorris@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Wynn, Jr.
Statewide Coordinator

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Attachments